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DAVE KNAUS , N9QA, SK

From West Allis Radio Amateurs Club -
Hamtrix
By Tom Macon, K9BTQ

Our club members, especially longer time members, were greatly saddened to hear of Dave’s passing on February 5. Dave was born and raised in Milwaukee and , after high school, he obtained a two-year degree in electronics from the United Electronics Institute. He worked for Astronautics Corporation for 34 years, mostly in Quality Assurance. He was originally licensed as WA9POV in the early 1970’s and, in March 2000, he obtained his Extra class license. At that time he also changed his call to N9QA.

Much of what our club is today is the result of Dave’s efforts. He and Roy Hawkins, WA9KEC (SK), were the prime movers in launching our Swapfest in 1973. He organized our Scholarship program in the 1980’s and was largely responsible for obtaining our 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, which allows contributors to deduct contributions to our Scholarship program. Our club’s annual scholarship has now been renamed the Dave Knaus, N9QA, Memorial Scholarship in Dave’s memory. During the 1980’s, Dave took our Hamtrix newsletter from a few ditto sheets to a professionally printed publication. He also spearheaded setting up our club repeater around this time, and he was involved with organizing the Wisconsin QSO Party after our West Allis Club took over sponsorship. In the 1990’s, he established our club web site and maintained it until recently.

He was also a key player in putting Amateur Radio on the Circus Train and on the Circus grounds in Milwaukee.

Over a thirty-five year period, he served four terms as President, five terms as Secretary and two terms as Treasurer. Besides these offices, he served nine years as an elected Board member. This represents a total of 20 years in elective office. In addition, he was selected as Member of the Year three times. At the April 8, 2008 club meeting, Dave received a Distinguished Service award in recognition of his many contributions to WARAC.

Besides the West Allis Club, he was active in the Milwaukee Radio Amateur Club and ARES in the 1970’s and, in more recent years, the Ozaukee Radio Club.

On Field Day weekend in 1994, Dave received the heart transplant that he had needed for four years. The transplant was successful, but anti-rejection drugs took a toll on his kidneys and he received a kidney transplant in 2005. Dave was an advocate for organ donor awareness and set up a personal website with information on organ donation at www.n9qa.net/ .

For health reasons, Dave greatly reduced his involvement level during the last couple of years, so his absence is already being felt. But now more than ever, we will miss his logical, no-nonsense approach and his sharp wit. 73, Dave. Your legacy lives on.

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I Just Lost a Good Friend

From Ozaukee Radio Club,
The ORC News.
By Nels Harvey, WA9JOB

I lost a good friend a few days ago. **Dave Knaus, N9QA**, is now SK. Dave came into my life back in the early 70’s, when I became active on VHF, and met so many new friends. Dave had a great influence on my years as an Amateur Radio operator. After knowing him for a while, he invited me to a meeting. After some of Dave’s encouragement, I agreed to be the new Wisconsin Frequency Coordinator!

It turned out that Dave was the secretary of the organization, and as a result, Dave and I traveled to the various meetings in Wisconsin. Dave and I also attended several meetings in Kansas City, and Sioux Falls, SD, meeting with adjacent states coordinators.

Frequency coordination needed calculations to help determine if a repeater could be placed in a location. I needed to upgrade, and purchased an XT computer. I had no idea how to use it, and Dave came over and set me up with a list of strange commands to be used. He helped me grow into the world of MSDOS!

Of course it didn’t take long for the meetings to be moved to the Dayton Hamvention! Dave and I traveled to Dayton. It was my first, but Dave’s second trip there. For several years, we made the trip together, and I can tell you stories of the problems getting hotels there, and dodging raindrops in the Flea market!

Dave liked to promote Amateur Radio where he could. He served as Web-

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Swapfests And Other Social Events

Bold listing = change from last issue.

April 3-4 2009. AES Superfest 2009. Amateur Electronic Supply, 5710 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.aesham.com/superfest.shtml> Talk-In: 145.130/144.530 (PL 127.3). Contact: Ray Grenier, K9KHW, 5710 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223. Phone: 414-881-3528. Fax: 414-358-3337. Email: rayk9khw@aol.com

April 18, 2009, Madison Area Repeater Association Swapfest, Stoughton, WI. Mandt Community Center, 400 Mandt Parkway, Stoughton, WI. Inquiries can be directed to: radio9hsy@gmail.com or write to MARA, PO Box 8890, Madison, WI 53708-8890, Tele:608.245.8890 For more information see the MARA website <http://www.qsl.net/mara/>

May 02, 2009. Spring Swapfest. Ozaukee Radio Club. <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org> Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Contact: Tom Nawrot, AA9XK10335 North Grasslyn Road, Mequon, WI 53092 Phone: 262-242-1029 or 800-698-6087 Email: tnawrot@wi.rr.com, Circle B Recreation Center, State Hwy 60 & Ozaukee, Cty Hwy I, Cedarburg, WI

May 02, 2009. Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club. Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds, 4700 South Tower Avenue (Hwy 35), Superior, WI. <http://www.thearac.org>. Talk-In: 146.940 (PL 103.5). Contact: Robert Schulz, KC0NFB, 115 Eden Lane, Duluth, MN 55805-1533, Phone: 218-724-6957. Email: arac_hamfest@charter.net

June 07, 2009. Starved Rock Radio Club, Bureau County Fairgrounds, West Peru Street, (US Routes 6 and 34), Princeton, IL. <http://www.qsl.net/w9mks/hamfest.htm> Talk-In: 146.955- (PL 103.5). Contact: James Clapp, KC9FGU, 921 North 24th Road, Oglesby, IL 61348. Phone: 815-481-6117. Fax: 815-646-4362. Email: starvedrockhamfest@hotmail.com

June 21, 2009. Six Meter Club of Chicago DuPage County Fairgrounds. 2015 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL. <http://www.k9ona.com> Talk-In: 146.370/146.970 (PL 107.2) or 146.520-K9ONA. Contact: Michael Huedepohl, WD9GJK, 3532 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513. Phone: 708-485-5481. Email: mhuedepohl@comcast.net

July 11, 2009. South Milwaukee ARC, Swapfest 09. American Legion Park. Shepard Avenue •Oak Creek, WI. (414) 762-3235, Ask for Verne. P.O. Box 102, South Milwaukee, WI 53172. e-mail ryatex@aol.com

August 22, 2009. Circus City Swapfest - Baraboo Elks Club Lodge - Baraboo, WI. Please NOTE: Change of date and location.

The Baraboo ELKS Lodge is located at 623 Broadway in Downtown Baraboo, 3 Blocks South of the Highway 33 / Broadway intersection.

From I-39/90/94, take the Highway 33 West exit to Baraboo. Go to the second stoplight, turn left.

From Highway 12, take Highway 33 East at the Kwik-Trip in West Bara-

boo, go to the second stoplight, turn right.

For more information contact Steve, N9UDO, at (6080 356-2313. or n9udo@yellowthunder.org. Visit us on the internet: www.yellowthunder.org Also see the ad elsewhere in this issue.

August 15, 2009. Racine Megacycle Freefest 2009. Fireman's Park, 9600 Charles Street, Sturtevant, WI. Racine Megacycle Club. <http://www.w9udu.org> Talk-In: 147.270 (no PL tone required). Contact: Bob Frederiksen, KB9ZAF, 4455 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53405. Phone: 262-637-6588. Email: kb9zaf@arrl.net

September 12, 2009. ORC Fall Ham & Hobby Swapfest. Firemans Park, W65 N796 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg, WI. Ozaukee Radio Club. <http://www.ozaukeeradioclub.org> Talk-In: 146.97 (PL 127.3). Contact: Gabe Chido, WI9GC, W58 N985 Essex Drive, Cedarburg, WI 53012. Phone: 262-377-2784 (summer) & 480-213-2467 (winter). Email: wi9gc@yahoo.com

September 12-13, 2009. Radio Expo 2009. Boone Co Fairgrounds. Chicago FM Club. <http://www.chicagofmclub.org> Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 107.2); 147.255+ (PL 114.8); 444.725+ (PL 118.8). Contact: Don W9DMW. e-mail: dwon-dolkowski@hotmail.com

September 18-19, 2009. W9DXCC Convention. Northern Illinois DX Association. Holiday Inn. 1000 Busse Road Elk Grove Village, IL. <http://www.w9dxcc.com> Talk-In: 147.36. Contact: Bill Smith, W9VA, 2635 Crestwood Lane, Riverwoods, IL 60015. Phone: 847-945-1564. Email: w9va@aol.com

September 19-20, 2009. Peoria Superfest 2009. Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club. Exposition Gardens, 1601 West Northmoor Road Peoria, IL. <http://www.Peoriasuperfest.com> Talk-In:

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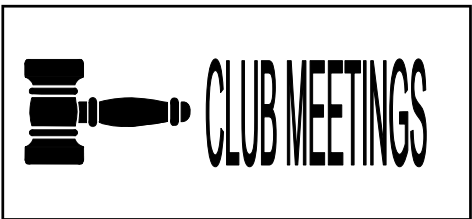
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FOX CITIES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:00PM., Goodwill Community Center, 1800 S. Appleton Road, Menasha, WI. Information: Brian Long KB9LRD fcarc@w9zl.org Website: <http://www.fcarc.us>

Baraboo
BADGERLAND AMATEUR TELEVISION SOCIETY (BATS) Check BATS Web page: <http://www.shopstop.net/BATS/>

Baraboo
YELLOW THUNDER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: See the YTARC column elsewhere in this issue for meeting times and locations. For further information: <http://www.qsl.net/ytarc>.

Dubuque, IA
GREAT RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Red Cross Center, 2400 Asbury Road. The club serves the tri-state area. On the Web: <http://www.qsl.net/wb0lob/>. Information or questions to: N0hdc@aol.com.

Eau Claire
EAU CLAIRE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m., Eau Claire Parks & Recreation, 1300 First Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703. All hams and guests welcome. W9EAU repeater 146.91 MHz, tone 110.9 Hz. Information: Jim Staatz, KG9RA, President, P.O. Box 1867, Eau Claire, WI 54702-1867. Phone (715) 838-9108, Email kg9ra@ecarc.org. Web page: <http://www.ecarc.org>

Fond du Lac
FOND DU LAC AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Monday at Moraine Park Technical College, Fond du Lac, WI. Time: 7 p.m. Sunday net: 7:30 p.m. CDT, K9IA repeater, 145.430 - PL 107.2 Information: Jack Heil, KG9IN, 920.922.1413. Email: kg9in@fdlhams.org Web: <http://www.fdlhams.org>.

Fort Atkinson
TRI-COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB second Thursday monthly except June, July, August & December, 7 p.m., at Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson. ARES Net each Wednesday evening at 8 and club net Monday evenings at 8 on 145.49 repeater. Contact: Paul Marowsky, KD9PM, 920-674-4968., or John Satterlee, WA9SAB, 920.563.6381.

Germantown
WISCONSIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. Meetings: Last Wednesdays at the Germantown police department in Germantown. Doors open 7 p.m. Meeting time: 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome! We have a 440 repeater. The freq is 442.875 + PL=127.3.

Grafton
Ozaukee Radio Club (ORC) Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Grafton Multipurpose Senior Center, 1665 7th. Ave., Grafton, Wisconsin www.qsl.net/orc/.

Green Bay
GREEN BAY MIKE AND KEY CLUB Meetings: Second Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Media Services area of J. M. Science Building at St. Norbert College in DePere. Information: Kevin at kb9sne@yahoo.com.

Green Lake
GREEN FOX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Greater Green Lake County area. Meetings: Third Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Green Lake Town Hall, intersection of County Highways K and N.

Houghton, MI area:
The CCRAA is the "Copper Country Radio Amateur Association" and they hold meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall. Summer meetings (June, July, August, and September) are held at the CCRAA Clubhouse in Osceola (2 mi. S. of Calumet, MI)

Hudson
St. CROIX VALLEY RADIO AMATEURS: Meetings: Third Monday of every month at 7:15 pm or immediately following the nets which begin at 7:00 pm. A short business meeting is held followed by a program. The club meets at the St. Croix County Emergency Government Center, 1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson WI. All are welcome! Talkin and ARES/RACES repeater: 145.130 MHz, PL tone 110.9. The ARES/RACES net is held every Monday evening at 7:00 pm immediately followed by the St. Croix Valley Friendly Net also on 145.130. All check-ins are welcome. Web site: www.pressenter.com/~scvra/. Club repeater: 147.33 PL tone 110.9. For additional information contact: Contact Connie, KC9GYM.
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Hams and anyone interested in amateur radio invited to Saturday morning breakfasts (Dutch treat) at 7:45 AM. Location occasionally changes. or phone (715) 386-2714 for current week's location. Contact Connie for specific information.

Juneau
ROCK RIVER RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI. ARES Nets: 146.64 (-600) Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 7278 KHZ, Alternate in 3.947 at 10:00 AM. & Wednesday, 1908 KHZ 8:00 PM, Wintertime.

La Crosse
Riverland Amateur Radio Club Meeting: First Tuesday. Gundersen Clinic, 1900 South Ave., La Crosse, WI. Basement Conference Room 1. Meeting at 7:00p.m. More information: <http://www.qsl.net/wr9arc> E-mail wr9arc@qsl.net Sunday night net at 8:00 pm on 146.970. Wednesday morning breakfast at 8:00 am at Ardie's restaurant. Friday lunch at Hooters in downtown La Crosse. <http://rarc.qth.com> E-mail: wr9arc@rarc.qth.com

Madison
SPACE PLACE AMATEUR RADIO CENTER No meetings. Located on U.W.-Madison campus. Guest operators are welcome to operate the U.W. Space Place Amateur Radio Station, N9UW. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, President, (608) 263-4685. Email: n9uw@sal.wisc.edu.

Madison
BADGER AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY University of Wisconsin - Madison/W9YT Meetings: Third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in UW Union South. Room number posted on the Today in The Union board. Information: Don Michalski, W9IXG, (608) 263-4685. Email: w9ixg@arrrl.org. Web: <http://www.qsl.net/w9yt>.

Madison
Madison DX Club, meetings are on every second Tuesday of each month; see <http://madisondxclub> for more details.

FOUR LAKES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Red Cross Building, 4860 Sheboygan Avenue, Room C, downstairs. First building west of Hill Farms State Office Building.

Manitowoc
MANITOWOC COUNTY RADIO AMATEURS (ManCoRad) Second Wednesday of each month. Club board meets at 6:30 p.m., and Regular meeting is at 7:30 p.m., at 1105 Fleetwood Drive, 2nd floor (Old County Shop building on northwest side of city.) For Additional information please see our club web-site www.w9dk.com or contact Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, (920) 682-9312. Email: fredand-pat@lakefield.net

Marinette WI
Menominee MI
Amateur Radio Club Meetings held second Thursday 7:00PM each month Spies Public Library, Menominee, MI Menominee Michigan in the basement. Guests welcome. Website: <http://w8pif.com>

Medford
Black River Amateur Radio Association Meetings: Normally the first Thursday of each month. Usual meeting time is 7 PM. Most meetings are held at the Taylor County Courthouse. Directions: Those attending should park in the main courthouse parking lot on the east side of the building, and enter using the main courthouse entrance or the sheriff's dept. entrance. Proceed to the lower level of the courthouse using the stairs or elevator. We meet in the "break room" on the lower level, near the Emergency Government office. Talk-in on the 147.15 repeater (114.8 Hz PL, +600 kHz offset) and 146.52 MHz simplex. Contact: Mike Schoenfuss, N9GHZ, P.O. Box 401, Abbotsford, WI 54405. Phone: (715) 223-3996.

Menomonie WI
Saturday coffee at Burger King, 544 Main Street, at 9 a.m. Social hour on 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Depot, 2616 Hills Court, north of Wal-Mart on highway 25 North, in January, March, April, and September through November. Guests welcome!

Milwaukee
GREATER MILWAUKEE DX ASSOCIATION Meetings: Fourth Monday of month, 7:30 p.m. Contact any GMDXA member, or Gary Schwartz, K9GS, (262) 363-4439. Email: garyk9gs@arrrl.net.

Milwaukee
MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB Meetings: Last Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 North Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI. Mailing address: P.O. Box 070695, Milwaukee, WI 53207-0695. Phone 414-332-MRAC. e-mail w9rh@arrrl.net Web: <http://www.w9rh.org> . Email: w9rh@arrrl.net.

Northeast Area
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION Meetings quarterly: April 28, Marinette; August 25, Fox Valley; November 10, Green Bay. For specific information about meetings, check <http://home.new.rr.com/newdxa/>. Contact us at w9dxa@arrrl.net.

Oak Creek
SOUTH MILWAUKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Wednesdays, Legion Post #434, Shepard Ave., Oak Creek, WI. In March and October the meetings are turned into Auction Nights.. The club WEB site is www.qsl.net/wa9txe

Onalaska (see La Crosse)

QCWA Chapter 55
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Wisconsin Chapter 55 meets the first Saturday of June and October. For information about Chapter 55, contact Ron Yokes, W9BCK, Secretary, 612 N. Pt Washington Road, Grafton, WI 53024-9703. (262) 375-1774. <mailto:rrvokes@execpc.com>.

QCWA Chapter 162
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter 162. Meetings: Third Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November, 7:30 p.m., usually at Meadows Restaurant, Franksville, WI. Social events: Third Sundays in February, April, June, August, and October. Christmas party: Usually second or third Sunday in December.

QCWA Chapter 219
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) NorthEastern Wisconsin-Upper Peninsula of Michigan (NEW-UP) Chapter 219 meets 4 times per year. Chapter 219 net on 3825 at 2200Z (2100Z during daylight time) the first Saturday of the month. Jim Callow, K8IR, Secretary, 1821 15th Ave., Menoninee, MI 49858. jcallow@k8ir.com

Racine
LAKESHORE REPEATER ASSOCIATION Meetings: Last Tuesday, January, April, July, October. American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI.

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RACINE MEGACYCLE CLUB Meetings:
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Wisconsin Nets Association Ltd.

Dean R. Herriges, KB9ROB, Secretary
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WISCONSIN NETS

Net	WNA	Freq.	UTC	CST	Manager
BWN	YES	3985	1100	0600	W9IXG
BEN	YES	3985	1700	1200	WD9FLJ
WSBN	YES	3985	2215	1715	KB9KEG
WNN	YES	3555	2300	1800	KB9ROB
WSSN	YES	3555	2330	1830	N9JIY
WIN/E	YES	3555	0000	1900	WB9ICH
WIN/L	YES	3555	0300	2200	W9RTP
RCRA	NO	01/61	0030	1930	KA9OMC
(Mondays CDT— Menomonie Area)					
Green Bay Area	NO	72/12	0245	2145	WB9NRK
ARES	NO	4.65/5.25	0200	2100	
(South East/South Central Wisconsin)					
ARES/RACES (WRACES)	NO	3997.5	2300	1800	N9VAO
(Sundays)					

Wisconsin Section STM Report

JANUARY 2009

FAQ # 90 – The start of the new year calls for some resolutions. Here are a few suggestions to add to your list.

- (1) Resolve to offer some assistance to a new or potential Ham. Personal contact can do what no reference book or website can.
- (2) Resolve to check – connections, antennas, transmitter settings, go kits, and anything else that is taken for granted around your station.
- (3) Resolve to review NTS message format and handle some traffic.
- (4) Resolve to check in to more nets – or at least become more regular on one so you can be counted on as a traffic outlet for the system.
- (5) Resolve to sharpen your operating skills – in listening, in speaking, in sending CW, in keyboarding.
- (6) Resolve to be more efficient in transmissions – avoiding phrases such as “for I D” when you identify; not adding an “s” to 73; not naming the parts of a message preamble as you send it.
- (7) Resolve to listen more.
- (8) Resolve not only to appreciate what the Section Manager, net control stations, liaisons, and field appointees do for Ham Radio in Wisconsin – but to tell them of your gratitude.
- (9) Resolve to volunteer occasionally for an open net control or liaison spot, because it’s good practice and a nice thing to do.

Resolve to review this list a few times

FEBRUARY 2009

SPECIAL NOTICE: Some daytime sessions of 9RN are back! Under the direction of its new net manager, NA9L, operation will be MWF on 3.910

(alternate 7.280) 11:00 A.M.our time. Wisconsin volunteers will be needed to check into this net to send or bring back NTS traffic. Please give it a try. You can even discuss the net operation on a Yahoo Group site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NTS-9RN>.

FAQ # 91 – Where does all the traffic go? When it rains. . . One evening in February, I received 10 messages on 9RN and two more through WINLINK. There was no SSB rep on Late WIN that night to take the traffic to the BEN the following day, and I knew I’d be going to work, so I was concerned about that pile of traffic not moving. When an operator takes traffic, it comes with an obligation to pass it closer to its destination or deliver it within a reasonable time. For routine traffic, that’s probably 24 – 48 hours.

Tomahawk, Franklin, Racine, Solon Springs, Oconomowoc, and more. I was apprehensive. True, it’s not Texas, but I could hold ‘em for a while, might even deliver a few by telephone, but that wasn’t exercising the NTS. Yes, much of this dozen was standard-text book traffic – but it still tested the system and helped ops sharpen their skills – so they’d be ready “when all else fails.” I didn’t have much hope as I listed it all on the skip-plagued WSBN.

Happy ending. Stations on the Wisconsin Side Band Net (e.g. KA9ROB, WA9QIB, KN9P, N9VC, KC9LOY, et al.) took all but the (unlisted) Solon Springs – which WO0W subsequently took on early WIN! Moral of the story? The system works. It works because operators check nets regularly, because they want to help, because they care. When I know there’s a willing traffic handler who regularly checks one of our section nets, I don’t have to hesitate to take some traffic for their location. Where does the traffic go? To Hams who care, who want to help. Of course, that’s why they call it a system.

73 – K9LGU/ STM- WI

WISCONSIN SECTION STATION ACTIVITY

MONTHLY NET ACTIVITY SUMMARY JANUARY 2009

NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	2086	2874	4244	31	W9IXG
BEN	677	60	1323	31	WD9FLJ
WSBN	438	28	836	31	KB9KEG
WNN	118	6	291	27	KB9ROB
WSSN	83	3	176	27	N9JIY
WIN/E	134	36	264	29	WB9ICH
WIN/L	133	38	232	30	W9RTP
WRACES	100	1	247	4	N9VAO
totals	3769	3046	7613	210	

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NET	QNI	QTC	QTR	SSNS	NM
BWN	1995	2475	3833	28	W9IXG
BEN	573	39	1188	28	WD9FLJ
WSBN	640	42	836	28	KB9KEG
WNN	106	4	222	21	KB9ROB
WSSN	147	8	234	28	N9JIY
WIN/E	135	30	250	27	WB9ICH
WIN/L	119	14	211	28	W9RTP
WRACES	99	1	226	4	N9VAO
totals	3814	2613	7000	192	

P S H R SUMMARY JANUARY 2009

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6
T						
WD9FLJ 40	30	20	30	0	10	130
K9LGU 40	40	30	20	0	0	130
AG9G	40	40	20	20	0	0
120						
KB9KEG18	34	30	5	0	10	97

FEBRUARY 2009

CALL	1	2	3	4	5	6
T						
AG9G	40	40	20	60	0	0
160						
WD9FLJ 40	28	20	45	0	10	143
K9LGU 40	40	30	30	0	0	140
KB9KEG17	31	30	5	0	10	93

STATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY JANUARY 2009

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL
KA9EKG38	639	592	49	1318	-BPL
K9LGU 0	40	67	0	107	
AG9G	0	5	48	0	53
W9RTP 0	41	4	2	47	
KB9KEG4	26	1	3	34	
WD9FLJ 0	27	3	0	30	
K9GU	0	0	29	0	29
W9UW	0	0	19	0	19
KB9ROB0	9	3	0	12	
WB9ICH0	10	2	0	12	
NIKSN 2	2	3	3	10	
W9PVD 0	0	1	0	1	

FEBRUARY 2009

STATION	ORIG	RCVD	SENT	DLVD	TOTAL
KA9EKG43	678	643	52	1416	
K9LGU 0	52	54	0	106	
AG9G	0	4	39	0	43
KB9KEG3	25	3	3	34	
KG9B	0	3	31	0	34
KB9ROB0	18	4	8	30	
WD9FLJ 0	25	3	0	28	
K9GU	0	0	28	0	28
WB9ICH0	10	2	1	13	
W9UW	0	7	4	0	11

The Computer Corner

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No. 148. GoodSync

I just love it when I come across program that does an elegant job of solving a computing problem for me. GoodSync is such a program. It might be a solution for you, too. It synchronizes files across my home network, and it does it amazingly quickly and without error. Let me give some background.

I have six permanent computers at my QTH, and each has a name for purposes of identification on my home network. Three computers live in our office on the top floor of my house. There is my main machine (named Main32) and a laptop (named DellLT), both of which are “mine”, and my wife’s (KC9FZK) machine (named Nancy). Three more live in the basement. One is dedicated to Winlink 2000 (named Wlink), another dedicated to general ham stuff such as PSK31 and the like (named Ham). A third machine is used in rebuilding computers for ARES/RACES (it always has its covers off and I often switch its hard drive temporarily with one I need to wipe or partition during the rebuilding process); that one is named Basementest.

Each computer has a C: drive (for Windows), a D: drive (this partition holds all the programs I install) and an E: drive that has nothing but my creations. For example, all six E: drives have a folder named CC (short for Computer Corner) containing articles I have written including this one. A Graphics folder holds pictures and drawings, and even a PowerPoint presentation with photographs taken when Nancy and I spent two weeks visiting Israel this fall. A Mydocs folder holds all miscellaneous letters and documents, and so on. All our “stuff” is on those E: drives, segregated from programs and operating system files. All six computers have an E: drive containing folders and files identical to all others, until we edit one.

Oh, by the way, the three machines in my office are all connected to a router via network cable, while the three in the basement connect via wireless. They all see each other, as well as the Internet, through the router. The router, by its nature, also

provides a hardware firewall, isolating all six machines from probes coming from the Internet, and all machines also run a software firewall.

So this is how I used to do it. Before GoodSync, when I finished an article on Main32 such as the one you are now reading, I would copy it to each of the other 5 machines. It would require navigating to my CC folder on my E: drive on Main32, then connecting to one of the other machines and navigating to its CC folder on its E: drive, then a drag-n-drop of CC148.doc from one machine to the other. This had to be repeated five times until all machines were updated.

With GoodSync, there is a job I created called Main32 E: to DellLT E:, which does just what it says. Click Analyze and the program finds all differences between the entire Main32 E: drive and the E: drive on the laptop. It takes about 2 seconds to do the analysis! Then click Sync and it sends any updated or missing files to the laptop. That takes about 1 second. Repeat for the other computers, and I am done, in well under a minute. One can even click Analyze and Synch, which saves one step (though it is interesting and fun to watch each process).

Now, this is not all it will do. I set up my jobs to work in backup mode, which means they only go from my main machine to the other five. GoodSync can also be set up to work in the synchronize mode, which will copy updated or missing files in either direction. Moreover, any of these modes need not be used just over a network. GoodSync can send/receive files to and from a USB stick, or to an external hard drive, as well as to another computer on a network or two connected directly. And, there are dozens of options concerning which files, or whole folders, are to be synchronized, and in which direction(s) the files should move, far too many options to describe here. The user interface is very intuitive once you learn what it is depicting, and the learning curve is easy. It is well written, safe, and consistently works like a charm. GoodSync is a very nice piece of software, indeed.

I don’t purchase a lot of software,

because almost invariably, there is a free-ware program out there somewhere that will do what I need to do. However, I actually purchased GoodSync (\$29.95, Siber Systems, www.goodsync.com) because it filled a need (I did search the free-ware world but did not find anything that compares with it in ease of use or capabilities). Also, I wanted to support the author because he did such a good job with the program. It really is impressive.

On the other hand, you need not purchase GoodSync to use it. Ever! The

completely free version lets you create and use an unlimited number of jobs and backup an unlimited number of files, for 30 days. After 30 days, you can still use it free of charge, but it is limited to three jobs and 100 files. That is pretty generous, and may well be sufficient for many users with small needs, such as a network with only two or three computers. Since I have more than three jobs with my six machines, it was necessary for me to purchase the software. Thirty bucks. Well worth the cost! Happy Computing!

WISCONSIN SECTION MANAGER REPORT

JANUARY 2009

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG. BWN 3982.5 0500-0715 W9IXG. BEN 3985 1200 WD9FLJ. WSBN 3985 1715-1800 KB9KEG. WNN 3555 1800 KB9ROB. WSSN 3555 1830 N9JIY. WIN-E 3555 1900 WB9ICH. WIN-L 3555 2200 W9UW. WRACES 3977.5 0800 Sundays N9VAO (All times are Central time)

Regretfully, I am informing you of the passing of these Wisconsin Amateurs:

Daniel Erskine, KB9OBO, 24. He was a member of L.A.A.R.C.

Dave Knaus, N9QA (former WA9POV), 58. Dave was active with the ORC Scholarship Fund and was past president of WARAC.

Russell Kain, Jr., N9SZZ, 65. Russ was a member of the Green Bay Mike & Key Club, and a weather spotter in Oconto County.

Through a memorial gift to ARRL you can celebrate or honor the life or contributions of a family member or friend for whom Amateur Radio has been a passion. <http://www.arrl.org/development/memorial.html#top> Please keep me informed of any Wisconsin Amateurs who pass away. Send me the obituary (newspaper website notice preferred) to w9ixg@arrl.org so I can pass it on to ARRL for posting in QST.

** ARRL Award Nominations are now open! Each year the ARRL Board of Directors has the opportunity to select recipients for a number of awards in various categories that honor Amateur Radio operators. The nomination period is now

open for the annual ARRL awards that are designed to recognize educational and technological pursuits in Amateur Radio and honor a young Amateur Radio operator.

Suggestions on who to honor and supporting information, including the endorsement of ARRL affiliated clubs and elected or appointed League officials, should be submitted to ARRL Headquarters or nominations should be submitted first to your respective Section Manager (see page 16 of QST). It all depends upon the award. Please check the ARRL Web page for specific details (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/edunom.html>). In most cases, nominations are due by March 31, 2009.

The Hiram Percy Maxim Award is for a licensed radio amateur under age 21 whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of Amateur Radio activities.

The ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award goes to a volunteer Amateur Radio instructor, and the ARRL Professional Educator of the Year Award is given to a professional teacher who has incorporated Amateur Radio into his or her class curriculum.

The ARRL Microwave Development Award is presented to a licensed radio amateur or to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs contribute to the development of the Amateur Radio microwave bands. The ARRL Technical Service Award recognizes a licensed radio amateur or to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs that provide Amateur Radio technical assistance or training to others.

The ARRL Technical Innovation

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at <http://www.bsss.org>

WISCONSIN SECTION MANAGER REPORT

FEBRUARY 2009

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Award is granted to the licensed radio amateur or to individuals who are licensed radio amateurs that develop and apply new technical ideas or techniques in Amateur Radio.
Nomination forms and further information on these awards are found at www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award.

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer forty eight (48) scholarships for the academic year 2009 - 2010 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds two of these scholarships. The remaining forty-eight (48) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors. Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$5,000 to \$500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Non-USA residents are eligible to apply for some of the scholarships. Clubs, especially those in Wisconsin, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their world wide web home pages. Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to March 30, 2009 from:

FAR Scholarships
Post Office Box 831
Riverdale, MD 20738
Applications are also available for download from the Foundation's web site <http://www.farweb.org/>.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the ECARC Equipment Auction on March 14 and the Tri-County ARC Swapfest on March 15! Details on these and other upcoming Hamfests are given on the Wisconsin Section website - <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> 73, Don, W9IXG

WISCONSIN: SM: Don Michalski, W9IXG, SEC: N9VE, STM: K9LGU, SGL: AD9X, OOC: KC9IS, PIC: KB9NUM, TC: K9GDF, BM: WB9NRK, ACC: N9LVS ASMs: K9UTQ, W9DGI, N9VE, KG8CX, KB9ENO.

Regretfully, I am informing you of the passing of these Wisconsin Amateurs:

Kurt Diedring, AA0NG (formally, WB9GLB), 82. Kurt was a past member of the Sheboygan County DX Association and the Sheboygan County ARC.

Dan Hammell, WA9EZT. Dan was co-founder of the Beloit ARC in the early 60s.

Walter Schlaugat Jr, W9SD, 86. Walter was very active in the Wisconsin nets.

Miles Wolhowe, N9BOP, 86.

Through a memorial gift to ARRL you can celebrate or honor the life or contributions of a family member or friend for whom Amateur Radio has been a passion. <http://www.arrl.org/development/memorial.html#top> Please keep me informed of any Wisconsin Amateurs who pass away. Send me the obituary (newspaper website notice preferred) to w9ixg@arrl.org so I can pass it on to ARRL for posting in QST.

Spring is almost here and this is the time for severe storm training sessions and we recommend that you attend one of these free sessions. There are many in Wisconsin and a list is provided at this site: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI#spotter>

Heads up - this weekend!! 2009 Wisconsin QSO party is March 15 - 1 PM to 8 PM. Details are given on the website: <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>

The ARRL Wisconsin site <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI> is maintained by Webmaster, Richard Regent, K9GDF. Through Richard's skills, we have one of the finest Section sites in the nation. There are many links provided to you with current Wisconsin announcements, events, classes, nets, technical help, etc. We invite you to visit it often. And, if

you notice a site that would be useful to others or a photo (with a caption) for the gallery, please pass it to Richard, k9gdf@arrl.net, or me. Sometimes links go dead, so if you see one that doesn't work, let us know! We want to keep the site current. Thank you!

I'll be at the ECARC auction on the 14th, the Jefferson Hamfest on the 15th , and AES Superfest on April 3 and 4. <http://www.arrl.org/sections/>

EAA AirVenture Website info

HAM (AMATEUR) RADIO

The Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club (W9ZL) will host a Special Event station from the Lone Rock Service Building near Vette Hanger at Pioneer Airport during AirVenture.

The club will be on the air from Wednesday through Sunday, 8 am - 4 PM local time. The volunteer operators will be monitoring on 146.520 (simplex) and on the wide area coverage repeater 146.760 - (pl 100.0 Hz).

For visiting hams, feel free to use the W9ZL repeater while in town. We will also operate HF on 7.250 and on 14.270, and 6-meter FM @ 52.550.

All visitors are encouraged to stop by and see first hand what amateur radio is all about. Should you wish more information, feel free to contact Jon Oldenburg @ ab9ah@arrl.net <ab9ah@arrl.net> or visit www.fcarc.us

Thanks once again for the opportunity for our club to be a part of your event. Feel free to contact me with any other questions.

Have a great day!

Jon Oldenburg AB9AH

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[sect=WI#fest](http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI#fest) Be sure to stop by the ARRL table for an eyeball QSO!! I'll be offering special membership promotions at all these events!

73, Don W9IXG

ARRL Wisconsin Section
Section Manager: Donald E. Michalski, W9IXG
w9ixg@arrl.org

FOND DU LAC CLASSES

The FDL Group is planning a Technician (and maybe a General, at the same time, if there is enough interest) Training class for April 25 & 26.

Forward this information to any one you might know that could be interested in Amateur Radio.

If anyone is interested in the class, have them contact Stephen to register.

E-mail: w9gpi@charter.net

or by phone or mail at:

Stephen Smith W9GPI
114 S Main St PMB 216
Fond du Lac WI 54935
920-922-4835

THIS N THAT

Another issue of BSSS is completed. I hope that you enjoy it.

I heard many of you on during the Wisconsin QSO party last weekend. Be sure to send your log to WARAC. We would like to hear about your participation.

This is the year of the QSO party. More information can found for this award on the ARRL web site. You can download the certificate and state flags to put on the certificate as you work the states and their QSO parties.

I will be at the AES Superfest in Milwaukee and at the MARA swapfest in Stoughton and others as time and conflicts permit.

We are also sad to hear of Dave Knaus becoming a Silent Key. Dave was very supportive of BSSS. I enjoyed meeting him at many events and on the air during the QSO parties.

73 ken k9en

Check us out on the web at
<http://www.bsسس.org>

NEW DATE & LOCATION FOR 2009

- Thirteenth Annual -

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WB9FDZ

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From Hwy. 12: Take Hwy. 33 east at the Kwik-Trip in West Baraboo, go to second stoplight
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For more information contact: Steve, N9UDO at (608) 356-2313
or n9udo@yellowthunder.org
Visit us on the Internet: www.yellowthunder.org

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**** CLUB AUCTIONS ****

1st Wednesday in March
1st Wednesday in October

6 PM Upper Legion Building
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Visit our website: www.qsl.net/WA9TXE

I Just Lost a Good Friend

master for W.A.R. and Badger State Smoke Signals, and held Officer positions in the West Allis Radio Amateur Radio Club, as well as Repeater Vice-President in the Ozaukee Radio Club. Dave encouraged the ORC to begin the Scholarship program similar to the West Allis club. He had a way to get things done!

Dave caught a virus in the early nineties that severely damaged his heart! He was then placed on a transplant list and carried a special pager. Dave and Dan Bolander (WB9TYT) were visiting Field Day sites one summer, and the pager went off! Dan drove Dave from Fond du Lac, where they were visiting a site, to Madison, where he received the heart of someone who had died.

Dave went to Dayton with me a couple more times, and continued to enjoy the

Wisconsin Coordination meetings, but the anti-rejection meds slowed him and took their toll on his entire body, but especially on his kidneys. He also became increasing sensitive to infections, due to the medications, and had to be careful where he went in order to stay healthy.

It was sad to see a friend who I had shared so many long auto trips, meetings, Flea markets, situations and laughs, go down that slippery slope. No longer will I enjoy his boyish enthusiasm for new radios and things like packet radio and computers! He won't be there with me at the Waffle House in Dayton! He won't get one up over Sandy at the Saturday breakfast gatherings! He no longer will stop over just to visit Joyce and me!

I lost a good friend a few days ago!

Nels Harvey, WA9JOB

Swapfests
And Other Social Events

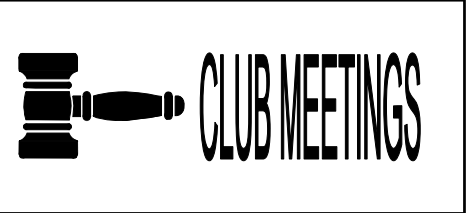
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147.075+ (PL 103.5). Contact: John Coker, N9FAM, 133 Vonachen Court, East Peoria, IL 61611. Phone: 309-369-7428. Email: n9fam@comcast.net

November 14-15, 2009. Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo) Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN. Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society. <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com> Talk-In: 146.880(-). Contact: James D. Boyer, KB9IH, PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342. Phone: 260-579-2196. Email: chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com

Further information about hamfests in the area can be found at bsss.org or at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html> If your organization is sponsoring a Hamfest/ Swapfest and would like us to list your event, please send the information to Ken Ebner, K9EN at the address on page 2 or to k9en@arrl.net

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Second Mondays, 7:30 p.m., American Red Cross Building, 4521 Taylor Ave., Racine, WI. For a Map: <http://www.w9udu.org/rmcmap.gif> The Racine Hams Yahoo group is for listing of Ram Radio activities in and around Racine, WI and Southeastern Wisconsin. The group calendar can send e-mail notices about upcoming events. Activities listed for Racine County ARES (W19RAC); Racine Megacycle Club, (W9UDU); Lakeshore Repeater Association (KR9RK); Racine Amateur Television Society (RATS); QCWA Chapter 162 (K9AKG) and More. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Racine-Hams/>

Sheboygan
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Tuesdays. 7 p.m., Sheboygan County Red Cross/Boy Scout Building, 2032 Erie Avenue.

Shell Lake
Northland ARC meetings are held the first Saturday of each month after breakfast. Location: Schmitz's Economart Deli. Located on US Hwy.63 on the south end of Spooner. The meeting will start at approx. 8:00 AM. Breakfast usually starts by 7:30 AM. Come and see what we're about. Anyone, even if you're licensed or not and has an interest in ham radio is welcome to attend! Next Meeting: Sept 4th, 2004 at 8:00 AM. So Please plan to attend!!!! <http://home.centurytel.net/NorthlandARC/>.

Stevens Point
CWRA Ltd./UWSP ARC Meetings second Wednesday. of each month at 7:30 pm. Science Building on the UW-Stevens Point Campus, Room A107, Stevens Point, WI. Email: jglas776@uwsp.edu. Webpage: www.qsl.net/wb9qfw.

Superior
ARROWHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. Meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Secondary Technical Center. The address is: 802 East Central Entrance - Duluth, MN 55811. The board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

W.A.R. WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF REPEATERS
Quarterly meetings of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters are held at various locations around the State in March, July and November. Check the WAR web page for meeting announcements and repeater coordination info. Information: <http://www.wi-repeaters.org>.

Watertown
WATERTOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: First Thursdays of month, 7 p.m., Room S-114 of the Watertown High School, 825 Endeavour Drive, Watertown, WI 53098 at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday each month.

Waupaca
WAUPACA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CQ First Tue. Social gathering and Dutch treat luncheon, King's Table, King, WI, on Highway QQ, just south of Highways 10 and 54, west side of Waupaca. Gather at 11 to 11:30. Order at noon. Club business transacted. CQ Third Fri. Social gathering and Dutch treat dinner. Semi-formal, OM and XYL, at one of the better supper clubs in the area. Check: Waupaca 147.39 nets at 8 a.m. or 8:50 p.m. for month's meeting location.

Wausau
WISCONSIN VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION Meetings: 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month except for July. The meeting location is the Marshfield Clinic, Wausau Center. Talk in is on 147.135 + PL 114.8. Website is www.wvraclub.org.

West Allis
West Allis Radio Amateur Club Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 80th and Lincoln Ave., West Allis. Meetings in basement. Entrance at rear, off alley. Handicapped accessible. www.warac.org.

West Bend
WASHINGTON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings: Second Saturday of each month at 8:30 am. Location is the Polk Town Hall, Highway 60 west of Jackson. For more information, call Mike, N9JIY at 262-627-0519, or inquire via the 146.730 with Echolink (K9SK) repeater.

Wisconsin Rapids
WISCONSIN RAPIDS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month and are held at the McMillan Memorial Library located on the corner of Lincoln St & E. Grand Ave. in Wisconsin Rapids, unless otherwise notified. The meetings start at 6:30 PM and end by 8:00 PM.

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April 04, 2009	Medford, WI
April 04, 2009	St. Paul, MN
April 08, 2009	Stoughton (Madison) WI
April 09, 2009	Apple Valley, MN
April 11, 2009	Portage, WI
April 11 2009	Blaine, MN
April 11 2009	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
April 16, 2009	Iron River, MI
April 18, 2009	Janesville, WI
April 18, 2009	Eau Claire, WI
April 18, 2009	Rockford, IL
April 25, 2009	Tomahawk, WI
April 25, 2009	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
May 02, 2009	Madison, WI
May 02, 2009	St. Paul, MN
May 09, 2009	North Fond du Lac, WI
May 09, 2009	Blaine, MN
May 09, 2009	Adams, WI
May 09, 2009	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
May 09, 2009	La Crosse, WI
May 14, 2009	Apple Valley, MN
May 16, 2009	Rockford, IL
May 19, 2009	Sheboygan, WI
May 21, 2009	Iron River, MI
May 30, 2009	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
May 30, 2009	Tomahawk, WI
June 06, 2009	Madison, WI
June 06, 2009	St. Paul, MN
June 11, 2009	Apple Valley, MN
June 13, 2009	Blaine, MN
June 13, 2009	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
June 18, 2009	Iron River, MI
June 20, 2009	Rockford, IL
June 27, 2009	Tomahawk, WI
June 30, 2009	Madison, WI
July 09, 2009	Apple Valley, MN
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July 25, 2009	Tomahawk, WI
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August 01, 2009	St. Paul, MN
August 08, 2009	Blaine, MN
August 08, 2009	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
August 13, 2009	Apple Valley, MN
August 15, 2009	Rockford, IL
August 20, 2009	Iron River, MI
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September 05, 2009	St. Paul, MN
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September 12, 2009	La Crosse, WI
September 12, 2009	Blaine, MN
September 12, 2009	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
September 17, 2009	Iron River, MI
September 19, 2009	Rockford, IL
September 26, 2009	Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
September 26, 2009	Tomahawk, WI
November 14, 2009	La Crosse, WI
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Monthly, 1st Sat.	St. Paul, MN
Monthly, 2nd Thu.	Apple Valley, MN
Monthly, 2nd Sat.	Blaine, MN
Monthly, 2nd Sat.	Oshkosh (Omro), WI
Monthly, 3rd Thu.	Iron River, MI
Monthly, 3rd Sat.	Rockford, IL

Monthly, Last Sat. Milwaukee, WI (MRAC)
(Except Mar., Jun., Aug., & Dec.)
Monthly, Last Sat. Tomahawk, WI
(January thru October only)

GENERAL RULES FOR MOST EXAMINATIONS:

Be sure to check with sponsors before going to an examination session. There may be changes and/or errors in the dates or information given. Some examinations require filing an FCC or NCVEC Form 605 and advance registration at least 30 days before the exam date. Some VE teams permit walkins. Check with the sponsor.

Many hamfests and swapfests offer examinations. A Hamfest entrance fee should not be charged if you come only to attend the examination..

See QST, W1AW bulletins, or The ARRL Letter regarding any annual exam fee changes. Test fees: The ARRL/VEC has set its 2009 test fee at \$15.00. FCC requires applicants to show their original amateur license or CSCE to the VE team. You must also have a good copy of your license or CSCE. A copy of your license or CSCE must be attached to your FCC form 605 and most VE teams need a copy for their records. One good CSCE copy is sufficient. You are also required to have a photo ID, or two other forms of ID. Contact the VE team for details.

Technician class licensees must show proof of testing before March 21, 1987, in order to upgrade to General. Proof must be either in the form of a pre-3/21/87 license document or a "Letter of Verification of Technician License Held Prior to 1987" as requested in writing from the FCC, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245. For those with internet access, a listing of exam sessions is available from:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

By checking this page, you can find registered VE sessions anywhere in the US and some overseas. You can search by country, state or zip code. The listing is not specific to any particular VEC. It is a master database. Thanks to Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL/VEC.

Adams, WI
Adams City Fire Dept., 101 N. Main St., Highway 13, Adams, WI. Contact Edward J. Wagner (608) 584-4858. ab9fn@yahoo.com

Appleton, WI
Fox Cities ARC (ARRL/VEC) All regular test sessions are held at the American Red Cross Building, 1302 East Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton. Testing starting at 8 a.m. No walk-ins after 9 a.m. For information, contact George R. Croy, W9MDP, 2113 Twin Willows Drive,

Appleton, WI 54914. (920) 730-0967. Email: w9mdp@arrl.net.

Eau Claire, WI
Eau Claire Amateur Radio Club. Grace Lutheran Church, 202 W., Grand Ave. Enter off 2nd Avenue entrance, Eau Claire, WI
Technician, General and Extra Class exams. Walkins welcome. Examination session coordinator: Jonathan E., Case, (715) 834-1540. www.ecarc.org. w9eau@ecarc.org.

Fond du Lac, WI
Fond du Lac ARC (ARRL/VEC). Community United Methodist Church, 701 Minnesota Ave., North Fond du Lac. 9:00 a.m. Walk-ins allowed. Contact: Douglas J. Schultz, 920-922-3088, n9ezf@fdlhams.org

Houghton, MI
V.E. Exams at Michigan Tech. University in Houghton, MI will be held in the ballroom of DHH (Douglass Houghton Hall at Michigan Tech). Free Parking in Lot #14, front of DHH, across from Wadsworth Residence Hall. Use door #9 on the South-East side of DHH. Contact Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF at (906) 482-7743 if you have questions.

Iron Mountain, MI
Sponsor: W5YI VEC. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-Ins Allowed). Contact: Mark J Lewis, (906)774-6598. VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Dickinson County Library, 401 South Iron Mountain St., Arrival Time: 9:00 AM. Conference Room, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Iron River, MI.
Sponsor: Iron Range ARA (IRARC). Time: 6:30 PM (No walk-ins). Contact: Dan R Waters, (906)265-4240. Email: dmwaters@ironriver.tv VEC: W5YI VEC. Location: Iron River Lutheran Church, Across From Mc Donald's. Pre-Registration Required. If no applicants - No testing. Iron River, MI 49935

Janesville, WI
Saint John Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 292 N. Parker Drive, upper parking entrance. Janesville, WI. Contact Scott A. Fry, (608) 449-8513. e-mail: radarkilowatt@aol.com

La Crosse, WI (ARRL/VEC).
Sponsor: Riverland Amateur Radio Club Location: American Red Cross-2927 Losey Blvd. LaCrosse, WI Time: 9:00a.m. (Walk-Ins OK) Contact: Roger Reader 608-783-0723 read-ers@centurytel.net.

Madison, WI

The Madison Wisconsin, Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club-sponsored VE testing has moved to the new University of Wisconsin Space Place, 2300 South Park Street, lower level, Madison, WI in the Villager shopping center complex. Exams are given the first Saturday of the month, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, no appointment is necessary. Questions may be directed to Carolyn Kammen, NQ9A at 608-246-0225 (home phone) or sent to NQ9A@arrl.net.

Madison, WI (June 30, 2009)
Sponsor: WBCCI AIRSTREAM ARC. Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Joseph A Kolb. (276) 766-3121. Email: W4VL@ARRL.NET VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall RM "MO", Madison, WI 3714

Marshfield, WI
Sponsored by the Marshfield Area ARS. 6:00 p.m., walk-in allowed. Saint Joseph's Hospital, 611 Saint Joseph Ave., Room 124, Hospice South Bldg., Marshfield, WI 54449. Contact: Richard L. Nesbitt, (715)384-3489. Email: Nesbit@charter.net

Mauston, WI
Location is the Mauston City Hall, from 9am - noon. Holding testing sessions here quarterly for all elements. Walk-ins always welcomed and Talk-in via the 146.850 (pl 123.0) repeater. The contact person is myself dave@n0trq.com or 08-548-2271. Sponsored by Juneau County Amateur Radio Club (JCARC).

Medford, WI.
Sponsor: Black River ARA. Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Thomas D. Hrdina, (715)748-4054. VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Medford Public Library, 400 N Main St., Community Room, Medford, WI 54451

Menasha, WI
Location: Sabre Lanes, 1330 Midway Rd. Menasha, WI 54952, Sponsor: Fox Cities ARC Hamfest. ARRL/VEC. Time: 8:00 AM (No walk-ins). Contact: George R Croy, (920)730-0967. Email: W9MDP@ARRL.NET. VEC:

Menomonie, WI (ARRL/VEC)
Sponsored by the Dunn County Area Amateurs Location: University of Wisconsin, 121 10th Avenue, UW Stout Millennium Hall, NW Entrance, Menomonie, WI 54751. Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: James L. Guenther, (715)232-2625. Email: guentherj@uwstrout.edu

Menominee, MI

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The Test Point



Amateur Radio Examination Locations
and Schedules in the Area

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Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Club. Location: The cafeteria of Bay Area Med Center, US-41 in Menominee. Building located next to KFC just off the Interstate Bridge. All classes given. Advance notice preferred, but not required. Test fee is \$10 with two pieces of identification required. Contact Jeff Rymer, N9PQU at jrymer@ez-net.com or Ed Engleman, KG8CX, at dxer@cybrzn.com. We will monitor the 147.000 (107.2 pl) repeater in event further directions or info is needed.

Merrill, WI
Merrill Amateur Radio Group. 3:15 p.m. (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Myron J. Oestreich (715) 355-6902 e-mail: kb9stb@margdx Location: Gail's Place, n4090 Cth. K, Lincoln Center Banquet Hall.

Milwaukee, WI
MRAC VEC, Inc. holds 10 test sessions throughout the year. Regular sessions are held at Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) on the last Saturday of January, February, April, May, July, September, October, and November. We also test during the West Allis RAC Swapfest held in January, on the Saturday of AES's Super-Fest.

AES is at 5710 W. Good Hope Rd., Milwaukee. (Watch for signs directing you to the proper room.) The session during West Allis RAC's Swapfest is held at AMF Lanes across the street from the Waukesha Expo at 901 Northview Rd.

Regular sessions run from 9:30 to 11:00. Superfest and Swapfest sessions start at either 8:30 or 9:00 (watch for flyers) and run until 11:00. The cost is \$5.00. Please bring a form of ID (driver's license is fine), and both the original and photocopy of your ham license (if applicable) and any CSCE. There is no advance registration; merely show up and sign in. For additional information, contact Tom Fuszard, KF9PU, at

tom@supremecom.biz, or call 262-789-7975.

Negaunee, MI. Sponsor: HIAWA-THA ARC. Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Richard E Schwenke, (906) 249-3837, Email: n8gba@chartermi.net VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Health Dept Bldg (Downstairs), 184 US 41 E, Entrance @ Back of building. Negaunee, MI 49866

Oshkosh, WI (Omro)
Oshkosh VE Team Amateur Radio exams monthly on the second Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and exams will be given from 9 a.m. until noon. Omro Community Center, 130 W. Larabee, Omro, WI. Walkins welcomed. Bring a good quality photocopy of your original license and any other necessary documents such as a CSCE, etc. The first session will be through W5YI/VEC, and then sessions will alternate between ARRL/VEC and W5YI/VEC. The exam fee is \$6.65. For more information, please call Dick Lemme, K9FA, at (920) 235-0987, e-mail: lemme@ybe.com, or write Dick at 826 Jefferson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

Portage, WI
10:30 a.m. Portage Public Library, 253 W Edgewater St., Portage, WI. Contact Ed Wagner, (608) 584-4858. e-mail: ab9fn@yahoo.com.

Racine, WI
ARRL VEC Monthly - first Saturday, except January, July, and August. Monthly exams are given 9 to 11 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1013 Harmony Drive, Racine. Walk-ins are permitted. Talk in on 147.87/.27. Inquiries and registrations should be directed to Robert M. Frederiksen, (262) 637-6588. e-mail: kb9zaf@arrl.net.

Rockford, IL
Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners (W5YI VEC) Third Saturday of every month. 9:00 a.m. to noon. No new applicants after 11:00 a.m. Walkins welcome. Held at St. Anthony Hospital, 5660 E State St., Rockford, IL. Contact: Randy Scott, W9HL, W9HL@ARRL.NET (815-877-4328).

Sheboygan, WI
Sheboygan County ARC (ARRL/VEC). Exams are held in the Red Cross Building, 2032 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. The test areas are handicap accessible with signage posted to direct candidates to

the proper area of the building. Walk-ins are accepted, however notification ahead of time of your intention to appear would be appreciated. Contact: Art Pahr K9XJ, 920-876-2370. N8029 Willow Road k9xj@arrl.net Plymouth, WI 53073-2929. May also call Mike. 920-565-2672. Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Sterling, IL
Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society. Location: Challand Middle School. 1700 6th Avenue, Sterling, IL. <http://www.sterlinghamfest.com>. Talk-In: 146.85 (PL 114.8). Contact: Lloyd Sherman, KB9APW, 25873 Capp Road, Sterling, IL 61081. Phone: 815-336-2434. Email: lsherman@essex1.com

Tomahawk, WI
Tomahawk Repeater Association ARRL/VEC team. Last Saturday of every month January thru October. Registration at 8:30, testing at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk. Contact Diane Lodge Hamman, KA9BHK, 145.43 MHz or telephone 715 453-3908.

St. Paul, MN
Saint Paul Radio Club (SPRC) First Saturday of the month. Site: Roseville City

Hall, 2660 County Road C, NW Corner County Road. C & Lexington Ave., Roseville MN 55101. Time: 8:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)Contact: David M Buending, (952) 486-0836, Email: AD2B@ARRL.NET, VEC: ARRL/VEC.

Waukesha, WI (Milwaukee VEC)
Sponsor: West Allis Radio Club Swapfest, Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed. Contact: John G. Kraak, (262)548-9585. Email: jkraak@wi.rr.com. Location: AMF Waukesha Lanes, across from Waukesha EXPO, Waukesha, WI 53186.

Wausau, WI.
Sponsor: WVRA. Time: 8:00 Walk-ins allowed). Contact: Gerald L. Graebel, (715) 42-9542. VEC: ARRL/VEC. Location: Martech Systems, 614 N. 3rd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401. Parking in rear of building.

Wisconsin Rapids
Time: 9:30AM (Walk-ins allowed), Contact: Kristine J. Atka, (715)886-4111. VEC: [ARRL/VEC](http://www.arrl.org) Location: McMillan Library, 490 E. grand Ave., McCourt Conference Room, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Sponsored by MARA Madison Area Repeater Association
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2009 Madison Hamfest and Computer Fair
Saturday April 18, 2009
8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Location: Mandt Community Center (Same location since 2000)

Address: 400 Mandt Parkway Stoughton, Wisconsin

Directions: Take US Hwy 51 South from Madison to downtown Stoughton, WI. Turn South on 4th Street and Mandt Center is 3 blocks ahead on left

Talk In: MARRA Wide Area Repeater 147.150 (+600) pl 123.0

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Swapfest general admission tickets: \$4.00 per person in advance \$5.00 the day of the show.

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If you have question about purchasing tickets, table space, or commercial vendor information contact John Steffi by e-mail at radioW9HSY@gmail.com, or by phone at 608-245-8890. Mailing address: MARA PO Box 14171 Madison, WI 53708-0171 www.qsl.net/mara/

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April 18, 2009 at Stoughton, Wisconsin (Madison)

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Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club

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K9ODK (Robert L. Prine Memorial Call)
N9JAS - Jane Steinweg, Secretary
1322 Silver Dr/ Baraboo 53913
Club net: Sundays 8:00 p.m. on 147.315



JANUARY 2009

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio club
- Meeting minutes January 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Schulze (N9UDO) at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes from the meeting on December 2, 2008 were distributed and reviewed. Dave Spearing (KB9CSW) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Don Evenson (K9JYX). A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Don Evenson (K9JYX) reported that our balance as of 1-01-09 was \$7080.66. \$25.20 was spent on postage, and Steve Schulze (N9UDO) was reimbursed \$20.14 in expenses for the club's end of the year mailing. Our current balance is \$7035.32.

Old Business:

1. Steve (N9UDO) reminded us of the upcoming party.

2. The 2009 Swapfest discussions continued. Several options were presented, including: changing the location, changing the date, and enticing commercial vendors with free tables. Dave Spearing (KB9CSW) made a motion that the board members be allowed to choose the date. This motion was seconded by Tom Harrison (N9PQJ). The vote unanimously approved the motion.

3. Regarding the repeater linking project, Richland Center is still awaiting approval for an additional antenna at their tower site.

4. D-Star: No new news to report.

New Business:

1. Don Evenson (K9JYX) is continuing to work on the forms to make YTARC a 501-3c organization.

2. From the year-end letter, a date correction was mentioned. The AES Superfest is April 3-4, not March 27-28. Please make a note of this on your calendars.

3. The next Zilch is January 25, 2009 at Farm Kitchen, 10:30am. Contact Tom Harrison (N9PQJ) if you need further information.

4. A Fox Hunt has been suggested by the membership for 2009. Stay tuned for future information.

A motion was made by Jane Steinweg (N9JAS) at 9:30pm to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Don Evenson (K9JXY). The motion passed unanimously.

The next YTARC meeting will be February 3, 2009. Hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Steinweg (N9JAS)
Secretary, Yellow Thunder A.R.C.

In attendance:
Steve Schulze (N9UDO)
Tom Harrison (N9PQJ)
Don Evenson (K9JYX)
Jane Steinweg (N9JAS)
Dave Spearing (KB9CSW)
Kevin Graham (KC9FWE)
Tracy Weaver (KC9FWF)
David Conway (W1VOW)
Sandy Eberlein (W9SKE)
Gary Sorensen (W9ULK)
Mike Quinn (W1MJQ)
Frank Weisensel (KC9HEA)
Len Kreyer (N9QIP)

FEBRUARY 2009

Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club - Meeting minutes from February 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Schulze (N9UDO) at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes from the meeting on January 6, 2009 were distributed and reviewed. One correction was made: adjournment time was 9:00 p.m., not 9:30p.m. as reported. One clarification was made: Don Evenson (K9JYX) is preparing the forms for the 501(c)(3) filings, not 501-3c as reported. Tom Harrison (N9PQJ) made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction and the clarification. Don Evenson (K9JYX) seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Don Evenson (K9JYX) reported that our balance as of 2-03-09 is \$7555.32. Following discussion, Tom Harrison (N9PQJ) made a motion for Don Evenson (K9JYX) to pay the group's annual Smoke Signals subscription fees. This motion was seconded by Jane Steinweg (N9JAS). The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. 2009 Swapfest: Date and location to be determined.

2. Repeater linking project: Still in progress.

3. D-Star: Steve Schulze (N9UDO) has made an inquiry into the availability of our previous digital repeater frequencies, and will resubmit the application, if necessary.

New Business:

1. Fox Hunt: Don Evenson (K9JYX) reported that Columbia County ARES/RACES will be sponsoring a Fox Hunt this spring. Stay tuned for further details.

2. The next Zilch is February 22, 2009 at the Farm Kitchen, 10:30 a.m. Contact Tom Harrison (N9PQJ) if you need further information.

A motion was made by Dave Spearing (KB9CSW) at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Steve Schulze (N9UDO), and the vote was unanimous.

The next YTARC meeting will be March 3, 2009. See y'all then!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Steinweg (N9JAS)
Secretary, Yellow Thunder A.R.C.

In attendance:
Steve Schulze (N9UDO)
Tom Harrison (N9PQJ)
Don Evenson (K9JYX)
Jane Steinweg (N9JAS)
Dave Spearing (KB9CSW)

Dates to keep in mind: 2-07-09:
Zilch at the Eagle Inn, 9:00 a.m., in Sauk Prairie 2-22-09:
Zilch at the Farm Kitchen, 10:30 a.m., in Baraboo 3-15-09: Wisconsin QSO Party - 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
More details at www.warac.org 3-15-09:
Tri-County ARC Hamfest, Jefferson County Fairgrounds - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4-03-09:
AES Superfest - 5710 Good Hope Road, Milwaukee. 4-18-09:
MARA Swapfest at the Mandt Community Center in Stoughton - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Steve Schulze, N9UDO President,
Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
WB9FDZ

Treasurer, Badgerland Amateur Television Society - KB9SFS

AEC, Sauk County ARES/RACES - KC9MIO

Circus City Swapfest - August 22, 2009
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